

T-779
Velma Turner House
Bellevue
Private

c. 1900

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: VELMA TURNER HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: T-779

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation:
EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL / URBAN DOMINANCE
- 4) Resource Type(s):
1870-1930
SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common VELMA TURNER HOUSE

2. Location

street & number Green Street ___ not for publication

city, town Bellevue ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. T-779

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Velma Turner house stands on the north side of Green Street in the center of Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, side hall/parlor frame house faces southeast with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Dating to around the turn of the twentieth century, the two-story, three-bay frame dwelling is supported on a low brick foundation, and the building is sheathed with vinyl siding. Covering the medium pitched gable roof is a layer of asphalt shingles. A two-story, two-bay rear wing extends to the rear.

The southeast (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a side entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The front door is a replacement. Lighting the second floor are three unevenly spaced two-over-two sash windows. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice.

The northeast and southwest sides of the front block are marked by two-over-two sash windows on each floor. The eaves to the roof are slightly extended with short returns at the base.

Covering the northwest (rear) elevation is a two-story, two-bay rear wing that is dominated on the west side by a two-story shed roofed porch. Turned posts support the structure, and a sawn baluster handrail stretches between the second floor posts. An exterior concrete block stack rises against the rear wall.

The interior was not seen.

A single story frame outbuilding stands in the back yard. Vertical boards cover the wall, and sheet tin protects the roof.

8. Significance

Survey No. T-779

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

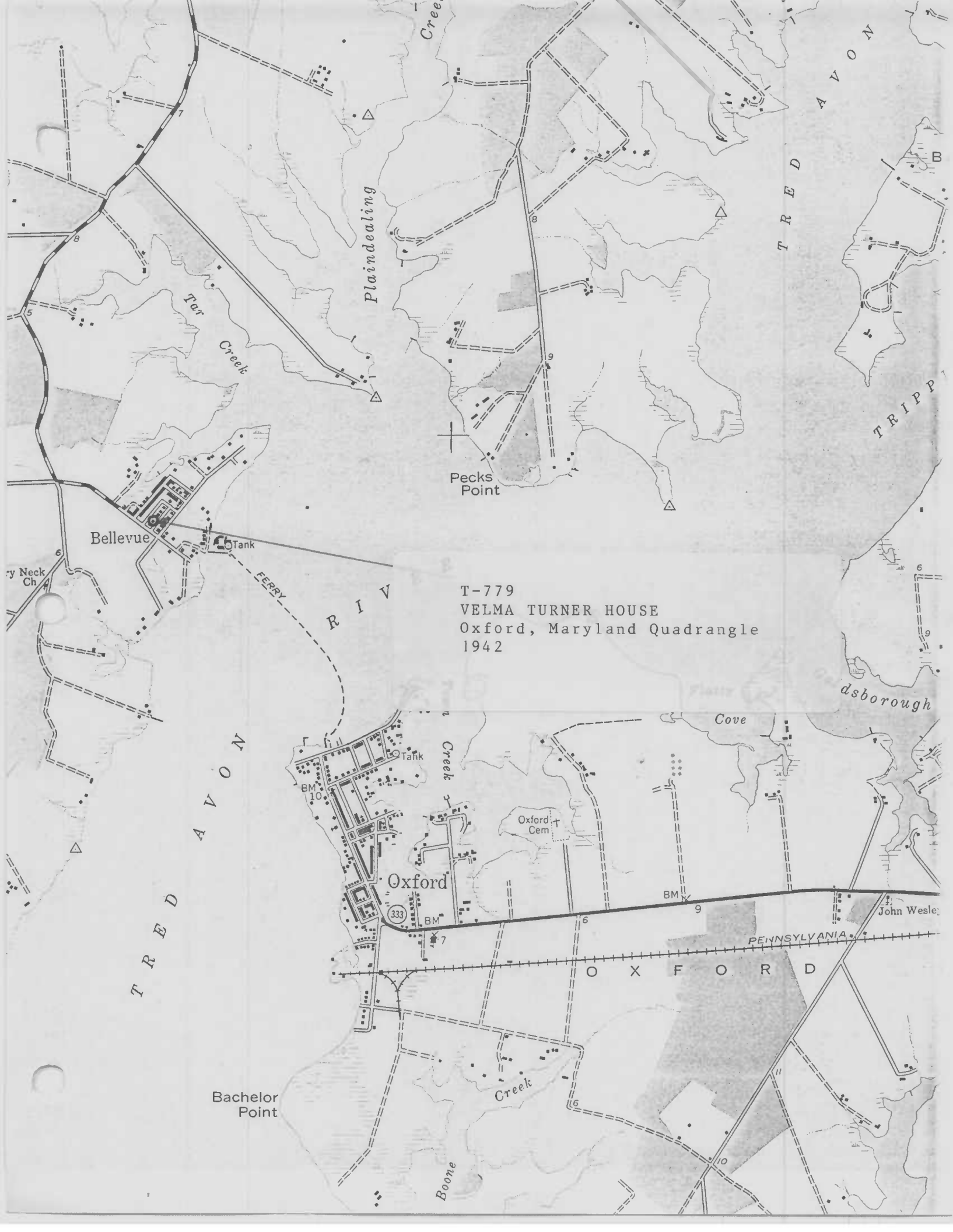
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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VELMA TURNER HOUSE

Oxford, Maryland Quadrangle

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Southwest elevation

Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland

5/90, Paul Touart, photographer

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